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STATE TEXTBOOK LIST IS ADOPTED

Board of Education Under
New Law Had No Other
Course—Increases Cost to
Every School Pupil.

The city board of education Tuesday night adopted the list of school books recently ordered by the state textbook commission, but not without considerable protest, especially against the substitution of the Edmondson system for the Palmer system of handwriting. The board really had no other course to pursue, as the law passed by the legislature makes it plain that school boards of the cities of Tennessee have no alternative. The act provided that any person or teacher who uses books in the schools other than those provided by the state textbook commission shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$50. It was pointed out also by Marion Evans, counsel for the board, at Monday night's meeting that should the board refuse to adopt the books the board members individually would be liable to prosecution.

Edmondson Rebellious.

W. C. Edmondson was especially bitter in his denunciation of the act of the legislature which made possible the dictatorial powers of the state textbook commission. He wanted at first to recommend that the Palmer system of handwriting be kept in defiance to the state commission's mandate. However, it was pointed out that the board of education would be violating the law if it departed even in the case of one book from the list as laid down by the state board. It is claimed by the state textbook commission that the Edmondson system and the Palmer system are practically the same and that there is a saving in the Edmondson of from 5 to 8 cents on the copy books. However, it was pointed out Tuesday by Mrs. Walter Gray, member of the board, that a pupil would have to buy copy books often under the Edmondson system. This system will be used, but teachers will still lean toward the Palmer system of writing, although using the Edmondson books.

No Protest Presented.

Apparently patrons of the schools have realized that the city board of education had nothing else to do but accept the ruling of the state textbook commission, as there was no delegation on hand Tuesday night to offer protest against the new books. At the informal meeting of the board the following day several delegations were present, but apparently they saw the futility of the protest and did not appear at Tuesday night's meeting.

The greatest burden on the man or woman of family will be the fact that all children will have to buy new books; that one boy or girl can not have the use of the book for a year or two, as older brother or sister. However, kicking against the pricks will be of no avail, and a prudent parent will have again brought home the problem of high cost of living in the purchase of books to educate his children.

Schools Close Earlier.

Other actions of the board Tuesday night were largely confirmatory of matters acted upon informally the night before, when not enough members were present to constitute a quorum. Included in these actions was the report of Prof. Jones, which provided for the closing of the schools and the end of the coming term a week earlier than this year. The schools will open for registration Sept. 8 and classroom work will begin on Sept. 15. Two weeks will be given at Christmas holidays, and holidays also for the Tri-State fair and Thanksgiving were set. The first half of the year will end Jan. 30, 1929, and the second term will begin Feb. 2. The schools will close for the summer on June 4, a week earlier than during the past year.

Teachers who failed in the recent examination will be given a second opportunity to stand examination in August, the date to be determined by the superintendent. Some of the teachers at present employed failed in the examination recently held. Their positions in the teaching force will be decided upon after the result of the second examination is known.

A resolution was passed Tuesday night providing for the insurance of the material used by the reserve officers' training corps. The secretary was authorized to apply for a loan of \$50,000. Value of government material loaned the local unit is around \$75,000, Prof. Jones said.

Equipment Is Lost.
Recommendation of Col. A. S. Frost that the board pay the cost of \$140.00 for books and military equipment loaned cadets of the R. O. T. C. brought out the fact that supplies to that value loaned the boys had not been turned in. Lieut. Coleman D. Garth, who supervised the lending of the supplies, has not made a full report on the material loaned to the boys. He is at attending the camp school at Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky.

It was officially announced last night that Dr. Frank P. Bunker, of the United States department of education, will be in Memphis the latter part of this week or the first of next week, and will meet with the board of education to go into questions of school buildings for the coming year. Dr. Bunker will receive the findings of the school survey recently completed insofar as building recommendations are concerned.

LITTLE GIRL FINDS SNAKE IN HER BED

SHAW, Miss, July 16. (Sp.)—Monday night about 11 o'clock Dorothy, a little daughter of A. C. Graham, awoke her parents by telling them that a snake was in her bed. Mr. Graham thought she had a bad dream, but her mother got up and on turning the sheet found a high land moccasin snake three feet long in the bed. Snake and axes were brought into play and the snake was killed. It remains a mystery how this snake got into the sleeping porch, which was on the second story, and was supposed to be mosquito proof.

MARRIAGES

Sullivan-Small.
HUNTINGDON, Tenn., July 16. (Sp.)—Guided Sullivan of Huntingdon, and Miss Josie Small, of Waverly, were married Tuesday night at Waverly. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Knecht, pastor of the Methodist church at Waverly. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. J. W. Knecht, and the groom is the son of Mr. J. W. Knecht. They were married at 11 o'clock.

Rowan-Ward.
HELENA, Ark., July 16. (Sp.)—Miss Alice Rowan of Rowan, Ark., and James Ward of Rowan, Ark., were married Tuesday night at Rowan. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Knecht, pastor of the Methodist church at Rowan. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. J. W. Knecht, and the groom is the son of Mr. J. W. Knecht. They were married at 11 o'clock.

Knowlton-Banks.
HELENA, Ark., July 16. (Sp.)—Miss Jessie Elizabeth Banks of Helena, and Mr. Knowlton of Knowlton, were married Tuesday night at Helena. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Knecht, pastor of the Methodist church at Helena. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. J. W. Knecht, and the groom is the son of Mr. J. W. Knecht. They were married at 11 o'clock.

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OIL BOOMS IN THROUGHOUT STATE

NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 16. (Sp.)—The oil boom in the state of Tennessee is being crowded daily. Such an oil boom as the present was never known in Tennessee.

POTATOES TO CHICAGO.
BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., July 16. (Sp.)—W. T. Pollard, county farm agent, is shipping a carload of native Irish potatoes to Chicago as an experimental shipment on the part of the state of Tennessee. The potatoes were raised on the farm of the agent and are being shipped to Chicago for sale. The price paid for the potatoes was \$1.00 per bushel.

**To Probe Riots
In Adriatic Ports**
Several wells have been sunk in the Adriatic ports, and the council of five to investigate the recent troubles in Fiume and other Adriatic ports. The recent disorders in that section have resulted in the killing and wounding of many people.

**UPHOLDS SOLON RIGHT
TO PASS UPON BEER**
WASHINGTON, July 16. (Sp.)—Authority of congress to fix one-half of 1 per cent on the maximum alcoholic content of beverages in prohibition enforcement legislation is clear, Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the National Prohibition League, declared today before the senate judiciary committee in answering a question by Senator Samuel Hays, counsel for brewers.

**COL. FROST MAY NOT
STAY WITH CITY SCHOOLS**
WASHINGTON, July 16. (Sp.)—The war department offers little encouragement for the efforts to retain Col. Frost as instructor of military science and tactics in the Memphis schools.

**INFANTS CANNOT DRIVE
AUTOS IN HELENA**
HELENA, Ark., July 16. (Sp.)—Chief of Police Sam Austin made public announcement yesterday morning that the ordinance against boys and girls, under the age of 16, driving automobiles in the city of Helena, is being enforced. The ordinance was suspended during the period of war, according to Chief Austin, but the necessity for the suspension no longer exists, and all members of the police department have orders to apprehend youthful chauffeurs.

**BOSTON "L" FACES
STRIKE OF EMPLOYEES**
BOSTON, July 16.—A strike of the 7,500 carmen of the Boston Elevated Railway company appeared imminent today. The union, which comprises most of the employees of the road, continued its plans for making effective its strike at 4 a.m. tomorrow, with a resultant stoppage of the street, subway and elevated car service of the city and some of the suburbs.

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UNION LABOR MEN FOR CARD SYSTEM ON ALL CONTRACTS

Proposed Action of Building
Trades Council Indorsed by
Unanimous Vote at Mass
Meeting.

The universal card system, requiring that every workman on a building contract in Memphis on and after Aug. 1, must carry a union card, will certainly be put into effect by order of the Building Trades Council. The proposed action of the council was indorsed Tuesday night at a union labor meeting, without a dissenting vote, by about 300 men who packed every foot of available space in carpenter's hall and in the hall of the city hall. The proposed action of the council was indorsed Tuesday night at a union labor meeting, without a dissenting vote, by about 300 men who packed every foot of available space in carpenter's hall and in the hall of the city hall.

Members of the Builders' exchange, who are contractors and material men, and of the employers' association, have gone on record as opposing the universal card system.

Contractors May Come In.
Speakers at the mass meeting, however, pointed out that there are nearly a score of railroads running into Memphis besides the river and said that if the Memphis contractors refuse to take local building contracts because of the new rule, there are hundreds of contractors in other cities in which the card system is in force, who will be glad to get contracts in Memphis.

There seemed to be some difference of opinion as to the advisability of attempting to organize the common laborers, but on the whole it appeared that there was a heavy majority in favor of the plan, so far as the building trades are concerned.

Will Mean Higher Wages.
The mass meeting followed a brief session of the Building Trades Council. H. G. Terlinier, the bricklayers' secretary of the council, was the chairman. Many nonunion men were present. All appeared thoroughly aroused and ready to support the speakers. The speakers were the Rev. W. E. Clark, of the Unitarian church; W. T. Fowler, former president of the Trades and Labor Council; William Stevens, Jack Cohen, editor of the Labor Herald; and W. E. Clark, of the Unitarian church.

The speakers all urged the immediate adoption of the building trades card system, and said that in their opinion the contractors, in spite of their resolutions, finally will see that it is as much in their interest to have such a system as it is to the workmen on building jobs.

Speakers generally admitted that it would result in raising the scale of wages of common laborers, which is now 20 cents an hour, but asserted that any man, white or negro, capable of doing work on a building contract, is entitled to more than \$2.40 for an eight-hour day.

It was explained by Mr. Terlinier and by other speakers that the members of the building trades union want to be fair with the contractors and that the card system is not to apply to any job on which work is now in progress or to any contract signed before Aug. 1.

During intermissions between speeches, union men made signs and made soft drinks were passed around. The Building Trades Council probably will take formal action on the adoption of the card system at its next regular meeting.

**STRIKE MAY FOLLOW
BIG ENGINE BOYCOTT**

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 16. (Sp.)—Engineers and firemen of the local Southern division between Danville and Oakdale, Tenn., are on strike against the use of the large Santa Fe engines. Boycott was set for July 17, but because agents who had made tests on engines through long tunnels had had an opportunity to present their report before the railroad administration, they postponed the strike for two weeks. Last night none of the Santa Fe engines went down the road. The men are waiting for the board in Washington to take some action.

Because of the heat in the engines the men say they are unable to stand the strain. The engines have to be replaced between walls and only. The result of this boycott is that a general strike may follow on the entire road, as the men are all members of the brotherhood.

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